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SUBJ: POSSIBLE GOVT RESHUFFLE AND PARTY ELECTIONS

1. BAGHDAD RUMOR MILL SUGGESTS THAT SOME CABINET AND HIGH PARTY OFFICIALS MAY SOON LOSE THEIR JOBS. MIN OF LABOR AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS ANWAR ABDUL KADER AL-HADITHI AND MEMBER OF ABSP REGIONAL LEADERSHIP TAYEB ABDUL KARIM WERE ALLEGEDLY IMPLICATED IN SEX SCANDAL INVOLVING FEMALE SECRETARIES AND STUDENTS AT UNIVERSITY.

2. MIN OF ECONOMY HIKMAT AL-AZZAWI EXPECTED TO BE REPLACED BY HIS UNDER SECRETARY MEHDI AL-OBALDI BECAUSE OF INCOMPETENCE.

3. OCCASION FOR THESE ANY OTHER CHANGES COULD BE ELECTIONS FOR REGIONAL LEADERSHIP OF BAATH WHICH, ACCORDING TO FRENCH, ARE GOING ON NOW AND WILL TERMINATE DEC 15. FRENCH PLACE CONSIDERABLE IMPORTANCE ON ELECTIONS AND BELIEVE THAT IF SADDAM HUSSAIN EMERGES IN STRENGTHENED POSITION, IRAQ WILL ADOPT MORE PRAGMATIC, RESPONSIBLE POLICIES ON WIDE RANGE OF FOREIGN POLICY ISSUES. OTHER OBSERVERS TEND TO DISMISS ELECTIONS AS MEANINGLESS EXERCISE.

4. COMMENT: PARTY ELECTIONS CONDUCTED IN GREAT SECRECY AND FEW FOREIGNERS OR NON-BAATHIS HAVE INSIGHT INTO THEIR WORKINGS.

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